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From NDE	Use these formative assessment tasks or use provided design tools to design your own! In the repository, you'll find a learning module to help navigate the repository and how to use these in your instruction.	Click Here to access: Formative Assessment Repository Password: ScienceFA Contact rhonda.true@nebraska.gov or myself for more info!					
	Interstate Science Collaborative Equity Book Club Join science educators from Missouri, Kansas, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Idaho as we discuss Dr. Bryan Brown's new book Science in the City from a rural lens! The book is about promoting student discourse using local science phenomena. The author has agreed to make a guest appearance at one of our sessions! Come to sessions as your schedule allows.	Equity Book Club Sessions and Registration All sessions from 7-8 PM CT February 9 February 23 March 9 March 23 April 6 April 20 May 4 May 18 Click here to register!					
	Intro to OpenSciEd Professional Learning NGSS and the NeCCRS-Science have changed the way we teach science. Come learn about storylines and implementing instructional shifts in your classroom with this PD experience. In a collaboration between NDE and NATS, facilitators will be using the OpenSciEd lessons as an exemplar curriculum to teach about the shifts, but you can use these techniques to enhance any curriculum you have. While OpenSciEd is a free curriculum for grades 6-8, this training is for everyone K-12. All training will be done virtually.	OpenSciEd Dates and Registration Plan for 8:00-4:30 PM Central sessions June 8-11, 2021 Register HERE					
	MINKS and CO Webinars will provide participants space to learn about each of the 8 SEPs, how other science teachers are using it to equitably engage students in science learning, and discuss ways to deepen implementation in their own contexts. Emphasis will be placed on using the SEPs as a basis for lesson design to encourage student engagement in various learning environments.	MINKS and CO Registration Links All sessions are from February 11: Analyzing and Interpreting Data April 8: Developing and Using Models May 13: Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions					
Events	2021 Interface Virtual Conference: Turning Obstacles into Opportunities Keynote Address: Page Keeley Featured Speakers: Dr. Christine Royce and Dr. Patrick Brown Access to grades K-6: \$100 (pre-service teachers \$50) Access to grades 6-12: \$100 (pre-service teachers \$50) Access to grades K-12: \$150 (pre-service teachers \$75)	Interface Dates and Registration February 16-18 Register HERE *Sessions will be recorded and available to be viewed up to 60 days following the conference presentation.					
	2021 Nebraska STEM Education Conference This conference will promote collaboration between secondary and post-secondary educators across the state to identify synergies and points of support. Participants will have opportunities to share, discuss, and continue working together with an experienced facilitator Registration is \$25 with travel expenses covered for individuals >75 miles away	STEM Ed Conference Dates and Registration July 22-23 Register HERE					
	The Prairie Project Summer Workshop The Prairie Project, a large multi-state team from Texas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska focused on fire and wildlife management, is in the process of recruiting several secondary science educators to participate in a paid professional development opportunity.	Prairie Project Dates and Application June 13-19, 2021 Apply HERE *The organization is exploring hybrid or virtual options if unable to meet in-person in Oklahoma					
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